

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GREGORY L. BROWN,

Plaintiff,

No. CIV 2:02-cv-02645 ALA P

vs.

D. L. RUNNELS, et. al.,

Defendants.

REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b), the court will, by this order, set a schedule for this litigation.

In due course, the parties will be required to file pretrial statements in accordance with the schedule set forth below. In addition to the matters already required to be addressed in the pretrial statement in accordance with Local Rule 16-281, Plaintiff will be required to make a particularized showing in his pretrial statement in order to obtain the attendance of witnesses. Plaintiff is advised that failure to comply with the procedures set forth below may result in the preclusion of any and all witnesses named in his pretrial statement.

At the trial of this case, the Plaintiff must be prepared to introduce evidence to prove each of the alleged facts that support the claims raised in the lawsuit. In general, there are two

1 kinds of trial evidence: (1) exhibits and (2) the testimony of witnesses. It is the Plaintiff's
2 responsibility to produce all of the evidence to prove his case, whether that evidence is in the
3 form of exhibits or witness testimony. If the Plaintiff wants to call witnesses to testify, he must
4 follow certain procedures to ensure that the witnesses will be at the trial and available to testify.

5 I. Procedures for Obtaining Attendance of Incarcerated Witnesses Who
6 Agree to Testify Voluntarily

7 An incarcerated witness who agrees voluntarily to attend trial to give testimony cannot
8 come to court unless this court orders the warden or other custodian to permit the witness to be
9 transported to court. This court will not issue such an order unless it is satisfied that:

10 1. The prospective witness is willing to attend;

11 and

12 2. The prospective witness has actual knowledge of relevant facts.

13 With the pretrial statement, a party intending to introduce the testimony of incarcerated
14 witnesses who have agreed voluntarily to attend the trial must serve and file a written motion for
15 a court order requiring that such witnesses be brought to court at the time of trial. The motion
16 must:

17 1. State the name, CDC Identification number, and address of each such
18 witness;

19 and

20 2. Be accompanied by affidavits showing that each witness is willing to
21 testify and that each witness has actual knowledge of relevant facts.

22 The willingness of the prospective witness can be shown in one of two ways:

23 1. The party himself can swear by affidavit that the prospective witness
24 has informed the party that he or she is willing to testify voluntarily
25 without being subpoenaed. The party must state in the affidavit when and
26 where the prospective witness informed the party of this willingness; or

1 2. The party can serve and file an affidavit sworn to by the prospective
2 witness, in which the witness states that he or she is willing to testify
3 without being subpoenaed.

4 The prospective witness' actual knowledge of relevant facts can be shown in one of two
5 ways:

6 1. The party himself can swear by affidavit that the prospective witness
7 has actual knowledge. However, this can be done only if the party has
8 actual firsthand knowledge that the prospective witness was an eyewitness
9 or an ear-witness to the relevant facts. For example, if an incident
10 occurred in the Plaintiff's cell and, at the time, the Plaintiff saw that a
11 cellmate was present and observed the incident, the Plaintiff may swear to
12 the cellmate's ability to testify.

13 Or

14 2. The party can serve and file an affidavit sworn to by the prospective
15 witness in which the witness describes the relevant facts to which the
16 prospective witness was an eye- or ear-witness. Whether the affidavit is
17 made by the Plaintiff or by the prospective witness, it must be specific
18 about what the incident was, when and where it occurred, who was
19 present, and how the prospective witness happened to be in a position to
20 see or to hear what occurred at the time it occurred.

21 The court will review and rule on the motion for attendance of incarcerated witnesses,
22 specifying which prospective witnesses must be brought to court. Subsequently, the court will
23 issue the order necessary to cause the witness' custodian to bring the witness to court.

1 II. Procedures for Obtaining Attendance of Incarcerated Witnesses Who
2 Refuse to Testify Voluntarily

3 If a party seeks to obtain the attendance of incarcerated witnesses who refuse to testify
4 voluntarily, the party should submit with his pretrial statement a motion for the attendance of
5 such witnesses. Such motion should be in the form described above. In addition, the party must
6 indicate in the motion that the incarcerated witnesses are not willing to testify voluntarily.

7 III. Procedures for Obtaining Attendance of Unincarcerated Witnesses Who
8 Agree to Testify Voluntarily

9 It is the responsibility of the party who has secured an unincarcerated witness' voluntary
10 attendance to notify the witness of the time and date of trial. No action need be sought or
11 obtained from the court.

12 IV. Procedures for Obtaining Attendance of Unincarcerated Witnesses Who
13 Refuse to Testify Voluntarily

14 If a prospective witness is not incarcerated, and he or she refuses to testify voluntarily,
15 not earlier than four weeks and not later than two weeks before trial, the party must prepare and
16 submit to the United States Marshal a subpoena for service by the Marshal upon the witness.
17 (Blank subpoena forms may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.) Also, the party seeking
18 the witness' presence must tender an appropriate sum of money to the witness through the
19 United States Marshal. In the case of an unincarcerated witness, the appropriate sum of money
20 is the daily witness fee of \$40.00 plus the witness' travel expenses.

21 A subpoena will not be served by the United States Marshal upon an unincarcerated
22 witness unless the subpoena is accompanied by a money order made payable to the witness for
23 the full amount of the witness' travel expenses plus the daily witness fee of \$40.00, and a copy
24 of the court's order granting Plaintiff in forma pauperis status. As noted earlier, because no
25 statute authorizes the use of public funds for these expenses in civil cases, the
26 tendering of witness fees and travel expenses is required even if the party was granted leave to

1 proceed in forma pauperis.

2 Good cause appearing, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b), THIS COURT ORDERS AS
3 FOLLOWS:

4 1. Plaintiff shall file and serve his pretrial statement and any motions necessary
5 to obtain the attendance of witnesses at trial on or before July 25, 2008. Defendants shall file
6 their pretrial statement on or before August 11, 2008. The parties are advised that failure to file
7 a pretrial statement may result in the imposition of sanctions, including dismissal of this action.

8 2. Pretrial conference (as described in Local Rule 16-282) is set in this case for
9 August 25, 2008. The pretrial conference shall be conducted on the file only, without
10 appearance by either party.

11 3. This matter is set for jury trial before the Honorable Arthur L. Alarcón on
12 October 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in a courtroom to be determined.

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14 DATED: March 27, 2008

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16 /s/ Arthur L. Alarcón
17 UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE
18 Sitting by Designation
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